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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

CONCORD MAN SENTENCED FOR GUN OFFENSE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Concord Police Chief Jerome Madden, and Resident Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Cliff Ellston, announce that Peter K. Benz, age 53, of Concord, New Hampshire was sentenced in U.S. District Court in connection with his unlawful possession of a firearm.

During a hearing before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., Benz was sentenced to a term of 15 months in prison followed by 3 years probation. Benz pled guilty on July 6, 2004 to an indictment charging him with possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, by virtue of his prior misdemeanor conviction for domestic assault.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “Strict enforcement of the gun laws is a priority of the Department of Justice through the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. New Hampshire is fortunate to have experienced local and federal law enforcement agents who are dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of firearms’ offenses, thereby insuring the safety of our neighborhoods.”

The prosecution against Benz, part of the Department of Justice’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Concord Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.